

# OCTOBER



*"We Welcome and Invite You to Gather with Us"*

Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid, Intern

It is great to be back with the people of God of First Lutheran! As I settle into my role here, I am reminded of the first time I attended a worship service at First Lutheran. A friend invited us to the Fall Festival. My friend's invitation introduced me to the warm, welcoming faith community of First Lutheran. It is one thing to be welcomed to church, it is another to be invited.

A 2018 research survey by Lifeway Research asked 1,010 Protestants and non-denominational churchgoers how many people they had invited to church in the last six months. 41% of Lutherans had not invited anyone to church, 55% of Lutherans invited one person, and only 17% had invited three or more people. What are we hiding? We are a warm, welcoming place sharing the good news of God's love! That long-ago invitation from my friend was the beginning of our family's faith journey with First Lutheran. I am thankful.

Church attendance is changing, in part because of the pandemic and because of lifestyle, work, and other priorities. When it is possible, we invite you to gather onsite. Worship and our community of faith change with your presence. Each of you renews our faith community in a tangible way.

October presents opportunities to invite and welcome people to First Lutheran. Perhaps you might invite a current member you haven't seen for a while, or someone new to the community, or someone who you run into at the ball game. Any reason is a good reason to invite someone to church!

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**Check out the following Opportunities to INVITE someone to First Lutheran!**

*Items included on the next page, are special ministries, in addition to worship, Sunday School, and Confirmation, and other ongoing ministries.*

### **Blessing of the Animals and Pets Sunday – October 2, 10:30 am**

God blesses every creature and calls them good and very good (Genesis 1). We are stewards of creation and caring for feathered, furry, and finned friends blesses them and in turn blesses us. You are **INVITED** to bring your animal, or a picture of your animal, or your favorite stuffed animal, for a special blessing and time of fellowship. Friends are welcome!

### **Fall Festival Sunday - October 9, 9:00 am**

The Stewardship Committee **INVITES** you to celebrate God's Generosity on Fall Festival Sunday. Quilts sewn by Love Day Ladies will be displayed on the pews, and they will have a quilt to auction. After worship, our meal is something new, a Potato Bar with all the fixings. In addition, all ages are invited to play Bingo, get your face painted, and more. This is a cross+generational event. If you normally worship online and are available to be onsite that day, we **INVITE** you to gather with us!

### **Care Package Party – Sunday, October 16, 4:00-6:00 pm, grades 9-12**

Who misses our recent grads? Let's show them our love with a care package! Youth in grades 9-12 are **INVITED** to this party. Please bring 12-24 items. Examples include granola bars, packs of Swedish Fish, post-its, highlighters, pop tarts, candy, Goldfish crackers, etc.

We will decorate boxes, write a card or two, pack our goodies up, and pray over them so they are ready to mail. THEN we will enjoy a pizza meal. **Register by Thursday, October 13** -we need to purchase mailing boxes, supplies, pizza, etc. There is a link to a Google form on the Instagram and Facebook pages, or RSVP to Kris Kincaid, 507-330-1824, or [firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com](mailto:firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com).

### **Fifth Quarter Fun Night - Wednesday, October 19, 9:00-10:30 am, grades 6-9**

Gather after the football game for games, food, and fun. Friends are welcome – be sure to **INVITE** them! Youth must preregister. A Google form will be texted and emailed to parents and a link is included on the Facebook and Instagram posts.

### **Pumpkin Fun! - Saturday, October 29, 9-10 am, grades prek-6<sup>th</sup> with a caring adult**

Start your morning with activities that celebrate Halloween. Wear your costume and be ready for tricks and treats! **INVITE** your friends! Remember, it's always a great Sunday, or Wednesday, to **INVITE** someone to Church!

### **Youth Lead Conference - Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am-3:30 pm, grades 7-12 St Stephan Church, Bloomington MN**

This conference is led for youth, by youth, with youth and focuses on leadership skills that we use every day. Learn how to welcome others, listen, walk beside, understand, and support friends. Enjoy workshops and games and attend small group to learn more about topics that interest you. Registration fees are paid for by First Lutheran. Parents and other adult leaders are welcome. We depart at 8 am and return approximately 4:30 pm. Register by Wednesday, October 26.

**Forgot a date? Follow us for updates on these First Lutheran Youth social media accounts:**

- ~ Facebook @FirstLutheranYouthKenyon
- ~ Instagram @firstlutherankenyonmn

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Carmen

**Present:** Carmen & Brad Nesseth, Sue Wold, Emma Paulson, Reganne Androli, Sarah Hildebrandt, Cora Lee Monroe, Intern Kris Kincaid, and Pastor Julie Rogness

**Devotions:** Carmen

**Adopt Agenda:** M/S Sarah/Brad, Approved

**Secretary's Report:** M/S Sarah/Brad, Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking Balance \$6,230.16. Memorial Balance \$146,649.71.  
M/S Carmen/Cora Lee, Approved

**Pastor's Report:**

Worship: 5 Sunday Morning, 5 Wednesday Evening (outdoor/3 & indoor/2),  
2 Baptisms-siblings,  
1 Ordination at First-Lucas Shurson.

Worship at Holden Park, phone calls, 5 in person visits, weekly meetings with Annette & Kris, Internship meetings with Kris. Looking Forward: Acolytes back at church, Kris will take leadership of confirmation, my family here for a week/off Sun., Sept. 25, Animal Blessing, Oct. 2, Internship retreat Oct. 6-7 at Mt Oliver Retreat Center. Sara Gorman & family visit Oct. 6-10, Confirmation Sunday is October 30.

**Continuing & New Business:**

Intern Kris Kincaid first day was Sept. 1, 2022-Welcome! The Intern Support Committee is Cindy Lewis, Holly Aldorfer, Linda Barsness and Sandy Doehling.

September 11 Congregational Meeting went well; minutes in the P & M report. September 18-Outdoor worship/meal/service project was well attended (145-150), great to see the people coming together to worship, eat, and fellowship together. Lukas Ordination went well, thank you Pastor Julie, FLCW (refreshments after), and Property and Management for your help.

Nomination Committee is seeking faithful members to service on church committees.

**Committee Reports:**

*FLCW* – Any corrections to the new FLCW booklet should be reported to Candy, Cora Lee or Annette. Carmen will do Cradle Roll. Ed Youth will take care of Bibles for the third graders. Candy, Cora Lee and Jill served bars, coffee, lemonade and water to the 51 participants at Lucas Shurson's Ordination at First Lutheran on September 18.

Candy and Cora Lee also shared the Sole Hope Project at the Area Church Gathering at Holden on Sept 18th. Candy and Cora Lee will be sending out a postage card for a Fundraiser Donation Drive. Love Day Ladies have a quilt to be raffled off at the Fall Festival. Donation to the Good Earth Village as we could not fulfill the quilt requirements. Thankoffering Sunday will be Nov. 20. Tentative Lefse Baking Nov.10/11.

*Youth Co-Reps* – Homecoming is the week of Sept. 26-30. School & sports are going good. We have a Foreign Exchange student from Germany. Congrats to members of First that are on the Royal Court; Alex Lee, Emma Paulson, Josi Quam, and Emilie Jarvis.

*Worship/Evangelism* –

Worship- Discussion of online worship as Jim Braaten has expressed interest in "retiring". Voted that online worship should continue. Welcomed Intern Kris and will continue to provide support.

Collaborative service on September 18th- no specific needs expressed from our committee.

Fall Festival- **October 9th**, Intern Kris will provide the sermon. Limited volunteers of Friendly Visitors as of now. Pastor Julie will provide a temple talk to provide information and determine interest level.

Evangelism- Intern Kris provided the idea of hosting a care package party for young adults transitioning to a new living situation on **November 6** from 4-6 with a message and light meal provided. Will approach FLCW for support for the meal. Pastor Julie will start decreasing her hours and will not be present one Sunday per month. A worship assistant that is familiar with assisting will be asked to help.

*Property and Management - Congregational Meeting for North Basement Wall Proposal - 9-11-2022 Minutes:* President Carmen opened the meeting at 9:55 a.m. with a welcome and explanation as to why we called the meeting...church council must seek congregational approval for funds over \$20,000. She then turned it over to Property & Management-Brad Nesseth. Brad explained that P&M initially started thinking about replacing the carpet in the Fellowship Hall and that led to the North Wall replacement. There are funds available through the Church Repair Fund.

**Description** - Remove paneling, old framing and windows. Then re-frame new 2x4 wall, install 4 new windows, spray foam 3 inches of insulation, sheetrock, tape, mud and paint wall and trim

**Estimated cost:**

All materials (from Interstate Building Supply)	\$4,550
Labor L&M Construction Company	\$6,650
Spray Foam wall	\$2,550
Tape and mud sheetrock	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Known Estimated Costs	\$14,750

**Costs not included:**

- Electrical (Shane Electric)
- Plumbing / HVAC (Route 60 Plumbing, Heating & Cooling)
- Painting trim & walls
- Any unforeseen circumstances

**Motion** to grant permission to Property and Management too spend up to \$30,000 on the North Wall of the Fellowship Hall project and any other relevant renovations as funds permit. M/S/ Tammy Fletcher/Jerry Berg, Approved.

In the past month the Property and Management painted yellow safety lines/blue handicap lines and looked into options on bat control. It's noted that the monument is in the paver stage of completion.

*Stewardship-* 1. Fall Festival: Planned for Sunday, October 9th at First Lutheran Church, start time 9:00 am. \* Will be a youth and family-based event, that includes worship, meal and Inter-generational Activities (working with Ed Youth on this). Seeking several Testimonials from church members on how participating in church activities has impacted their life. Plan to have a Build Your Own Potato Bar. Asking each Church Council committee to provide 2 pans of bars - total of 10. Stewardship is reviewing an ELCA educational program on "Generosity" for use at First Lutheran. It includes 5 - one-hour sessions.

*Youth and Education-* Sunday School- Rally Sunday, Holden, Sunday 9/25 starting curriculum. Focusing on Bible stories, Lord's prayer, Apostle's creed. Two groups, older and younger. Devotion books for kids for Birthdays. Fall Festival 10/9 - Helping Stewardship with activities. Bingo + prizes. Face painting. Two pans of bars per committee. Care Package Event 10/16 with Intern Kris, Fifth Quarter Fun night (after football game) 10/19-with Intern Kris, Fall Fun Activity Saturday 10/29 9 AM-PreK-6

Looking Ahead: Operation Christmas Child - invite for donations or completed boxes. 11/13 at worship Bibles to 3rd graders/3rd graders greet/usher that day. 11/13 Intergenerational Sunday School (Thankful theme). 11/20 Get to know your Bibles with Kris Kincaid. 12/11 Christmas Shopping (invitation for donations later this fall). 12/18 Christmas "Pageant" (Likely during church service).

**Intern Kris Report:** preached 2 Sun., 1 Wed., will preach at the Janice Bauer funeral. Planning 5th quarter fun night Oct. 19 for grades 6-9, care package event for young adults, Get to know your Bibles with 3-6 students and parents. Watch for specific dates.

*KAIC Intern Committee* to meet at First on 9-27-22 one last time this year.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 @ **6:45 pm**

**Devotions:** Brad

**Adjournment:** M/S Brad/Cora Lee, Approved

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Paulson, Secretary

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## **FLCW News**

### **QUILT RAFFLE**

Love Day Ladies will have a quilt to be raffled off at the Fall Festival, Oct 9th, with the proceeds going to Sole Hope. This quilt top was made by the late Jan Cole, Sioux Falls, SD and given to us in a large donation of fabric from Dennis Monroe's sister Donna. You will be able to see it on-line prior to the 9th.

We will also have Lutheran World Relief quilts displayed on the pews on October 9th. These were put together this year by faithful ladies who come to Love Day on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

### **FUNDRAISER DONATION FUND**

FLCW will be sending out postcards for the Fundraiser Donation Fund and the proceeds will be used for disbursements at the end of the year.

### **THANKOFFERING SERVICE**

Will be November 20th. We need women readers and ushers. Thankoffering Envelopes will be available 2 Sundays prior and on the 20th.

### **LEFSE MAKING**

Has returned. We have tentatively set Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10th and 11th to make lefse. Mark your calendar to come for the fun or for purchasing of the lefse.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
***First Lutheran Fall Festival***  
***Sunday October 9th***

Worship @ 9 am  
Meal – Baked Potato Bar & Fixings  
Intergenerational Activities & Games

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Holden Lutheran Church  
**All Saints Dinner**  
To Go Only: 12-2 and 4:30-6:30  
**Sunday November 6, 2022**  
\$20/meal  
Cash or Check Only-Holden WELCA  
Delivery available upon request

*Meat Balls/Gravy \* Pulsa*  
*Scalloped Potatoes*  
*Buttered Carrots \* Cranberry Relish*  
*Lefse \* Fruit Soup \* Rommegrot \* Bakings*

Reservations Preferred by Friday, Nov. 4  
Call: 507-789-6677 Email: [holdendinner@gmail.com](mailto:holdendinner@gmail.com)  
Address: 6949 County 30 Blvd, NE of Kenyon

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SEASON:  
After Pentecost  
Reformation

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9 <i>FALL FESTIVAL</i> 9 Worship <i>SS-Family Day</i> 7 AA	10 1:30 Literary Guild	11 5:30 Worsh/ Evang 7 Ed You	12 6 Wed Worship 6:30--9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	13 1 LOVE DAY 6:30 Scouts 7 AA	14	15
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## Newsletter



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*Just when the caterpillar  
thought the world was over,  
it became a butterfly*  
Proverb  
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